

## REMARKS

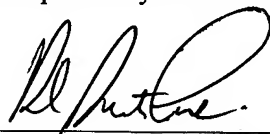
Applicants have amended the abstract to put it into more conventional form and have replaced the claims as filed with corresponding new claims both to eliminate improper multiple dependency and to make the claim language more positively comply with U.S.-style claiming. Applicants have also amended the specification to insert headings and to eliminate references to the claims in the specification that are not in accordance with U.S. practice. Applicants also attach a clean copy of the application as amended above. No new matter has been added, nor has the claim scope been narrowed by these amendments.

Early action allowing claims 23-45 is solicited.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 246472010200.

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